

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of November 25, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to omit the recitation "uncovered" and to specify that the cartridge comprises an air cover plate arranged alongside the inkjet nozzles so as to contact, and thereby protect the inkjet nozzles from contact with, paper for printing and so as to direct compressed air across the inkjet nozzles, upon insertion of the cartridge into a cradle of the inkjet printer. Support for this amendment can be found at page 7, lines 5-18 and page 25, lines 9-15 and in Figs. 5 and 9 of the present application;

dependent claim 2 is unchanged;

dependent claim 3 is amended to specify that the air cover plate is arranged to connect with an air compressor of the cradle upon insertion of the printer cartridge therein. Support for this amendment can be found at page 11, line 23-page 12, line 13 of the present specification; and

independent claim 4 is canceled.

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It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 112, first paragraph Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the written description requirement rejections of claims 1 and 4, based on the amendment of claim 1 to omit the cited claim language and the cancellation of claim 4.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2 and 3 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Silverbrook '513, '555 and '109, because none of these cited references

teach or suggest a printer cartridge having an air cover plate which is arranged to both direct compressed air and paper over inkjet nozzles, as is required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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